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SUBJECT: GREEK ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SIMIK I
DISPUTE

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1. BRITISH CHARGE (DENSON) INFORMED US THAT HE WAS CALLED
IN THIS MORNING (AUGUST 10) TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE AEGEAN DISPUTE. DENSON SAID HE
FOUND BITSIOS IN A CALM FRAME OF MIND. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
BRIEFED DENSON ON THE GENERAL COURSE OF ACTION BEING
FOLLOWED BY THE GOG AND WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE
GREEK DECISION TO TAKE THE DISPUTE OVER THE CONTINENTAL
SHELF TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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2. DENSON TOLD US THAT REFERRAL OF THE DISUPTE TO THE

SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD APPARENTLY BE DONE ON AN URGENT BUT NOT AN EMERGENCY BASIS. MOREOVER, HE GATHERED FURTHER FROM HIS DISCUSSION WITH BITSIOS THAT THE GOG WOULD BASE ITS CALL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ARTICLES 34 AND 35 (1), I.E. UNDER THE CHAPTER FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, RATHER THAN AS A THREAT TO THE PEACE.

3. DENSON ALSO GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT TO AMBASSADOR PAPOULIAS TO REQUEST THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, AND, THEREFORE, HE ASSUMES THAT THE EARLIEST ANY MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE IS TOMORROW (AUGUST 11). DENSON WAS NOT SURE OF THE BASIS ON WHICH BITSIOS HAD CALLED HIM IN BUT ASSUMED THAT IT WAS PART OF A GENERAL APPROACH TO ALL EC MISSIONS HERE. HOWEVER, HE WAS ONLY AWARE SO FAR THAT THE FRG AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CALLED IN AND COULD NOT SAY FOR SURE THAT THIS WAS A DEMARCHE TO ALL THE EC MEMBER STATES.
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